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DECISION



**THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL
OF THE UNITED STATES**
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20548

FILE: B-203815

DATE: July 21, 1981

MATTER OF: Corbin Associates

DIGEST:

Protest that request for proposals does not contain sufficient information to permit competition with incumbent filed after closing date for receipt of initial proposals, is not timely, because it is based on impropriety in solicitation which was apparent prior to initial closing date.

Corbin Associates protests the provisions of request for proposals (RFP) 200-81-0632 (p) issued by the Department of Health and Human Services. Corbin asserts that the RFP is noncompetitive because it does not contain sufficient information to permit competition with the incumbent.

We will not consider the protest because it was not timely filed.

Our bid protest procedures, 4 CFR § 21.2(b)(1) (1981), require that protests based on alleged improprieties in the solicitation which are apparent prior to the closing date for receipt of initial proposals, be filed prior to that closing date. Here, the closing date was June 23, 1981. Since the protest was not filed (received in GAO, 4 CFR § 21.2(b)(3)) until June 24, 1981, it will not be considered.

The protest is dismissed.

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[Untimely Protest Alleging That RFP Is Noncompetitive]

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